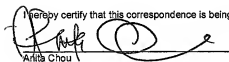


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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 4, 2006**

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action, mailed October 4, 2006, Applicants submit herewith a further Amendment with a Petition for an extension of three (3) months, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

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